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PROTECTION DEVICESMail Stop Amendment  
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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated January 24, 2005, enclosed is a Response in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
For:	Number After Amendment	Previous Number	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	34	-34*	0	x \$25 =	\$0
Independent Claims	4	-4**	0	x \$100 =	\$0
Extension of Time - 1 <sup>st</sup>					\$60
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- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response. The extension fee is included and a duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.
- ☒ PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment for the above-listed fees is enclosed.
- ☒ Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, dated January 24, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Species of FIGS. 6 and 7, without traverse. Claims 1, 4-9, 14, 21, 24, 25 and 27 are declared to be generic by the Examiner. Applicants believe that claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 21-34 all read on the Species of FIGS. 6 and 7.

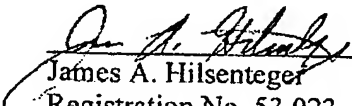
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims 15 and 18-20.

If the Examiner has any questions, please call the undersigned.

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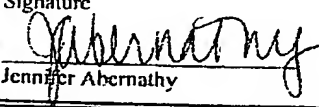
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